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Dear Harry,

Thanks for speaking to Mark Crouch, with whom I had a long conversation day before yesterday, and for sending me the dub of the tape of Rick's conversation with Ruth Paine.

I did listen to this tape. For me with my hearing it was difficult. Rick's voice level was OK but the level of her voice was quite low.

Maybe the pointlessness of the whole "interview" lulled me and my mind may have wandered but there was no mention of me until toward the end, when Rick says only what you have said, that it is hard to read my books because I crammed so much information into them. Early on he made a general comment about book writers and I wondered why but I recall no mention of me by name. Perhaps it was in a different conversation, when it could have helped what he was then trying to do?

Crouch bore you our 100%, which may be the wrong way to put this. He not only substantiated what you said about Rick but he volunteered that you were the opposite of paranoid about it, that you refused to believe him when he warned you that Rick had double-crossed you, etc.

Crouch impressed me as an honet man of good intentions but one who learned by getting burned. As who doesn't who has anything to do with Lifton?

He was also informative. I was surprised that Lifton made as much as he made on the hardback of his book. That means heavy sales. But I didn't shed a tear when Crouch said that Lifton lost it all in the stock market. When he had that much, what did he have to get greedy for? He could have lived for years on its income and worked. Not that I think what he does is helpful. Sic transit gloria greedy?

As soon as I could after speaking to Crouch I wrote David again, asking him to speak to Rick again. Having confirmation that Rick was working for Lifton was enough for me to trouble David again. I told him I knew he could not get the return of my originals so I'd be content with copies. If and when I get them I'll make a set for you.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold